will have alarming consequences. Owing to it they are demanding formation of separate state and alienating themselves from the national mainstream. They are the victims of rape and discrimination. The House should have an unanimous attitude towards it and this matter should be discussed in this august House.

(*Interruptions*)

SHRI RAM SARN YADAV (Khagaria): Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, owing to the erosion in Kosi river in the Khagaria district of Bihar... (*Interruptions*)

[*English*]

SHRI DIGVIJAYA SINGH: Sir, you have promised me. I want to rise the same issue. It is an important matter. Serious allegations have been levelled against the Government. (*Interruptions*)

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: We are reducing the zero hour to a point which carries no meaning. We have to raise issues which are of very great importance in order to bring matters to the notice of the Government. Now what is going on here? We start the matter to be discussed threadbare. Is there any procedure? There is no procedure. Zero hour is very sensitive hour. Matters of very great importance which you cannot raise prior to 12 o'clock should be raised during zero hour. You come to this House between 11.00 hrs and 12.00 hrs. Within these 60 minutes, if any extraordinary matters come to your notice, only such matters should be raised on the floor of the House. But what is going on here? Routine regular matters which even come under the jurisdiction of the States are raised here with the result that many Members do not get the chance and very important matters also lost sight of. This is number one.

Number two is, some two or three Members speak and they expect that Government should look into the whole matter and that some effective action should be taken at the hands of the Government. This is normally what you expect. If two or three Members speak, how do you expect the Reporters to take down the matter and the matters to got to the notice of the Government? Therefore let us have some restriction. Every day all the 500 Members cannot have the chance.

Thirdly, some hon. Members want to raise very important matters. But they are having a feeble and low voice and they cannot be heard. Those who have been bestowed with lung–power only get the chance. I would request you to just observe in the Lobby what our friends are speaking. We should also take cognizance of that. So, let us be just.

SHRI DIGVIJAYA SINGH: Please allow us from this side also to speak. They said something about Tripura. Will you allow me to say something on that? I want only one minute.

MR. DEPUTY–SPEAKER: The hon. Member is on his legs. Let him complete.

(*Interruptions*)

[*Translation*]

SHRI RAM SARAN YADAV: Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, the villages Amni, Saudpur, Chandhali, Paura, Basua, Idmadi, etc. which come under the Khagaria district of Bihar are being severely affected by a devastating erosion. This has rendered thousands of people homeless and thousands acres of land is gradually turning barren.

As such, through you I request the Government to take requisite measures to contain this erosion and provide relief to the affected people. (*Interruptions*)